



App. No. 10/030,853  
Response to December 11, 2003 Office Action  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Group Art Unit 3653

In re

Patent Application of

Jeff G. Van Nice et al.

Serial No. 10/030,853

Filed: January 11, 2002

Confirmation No.: 4161

Examiner: Kenneth W. Bower

“SEPARATOR SHEET HANDLING ASSEMBLY”

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Response and Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2003. Please amend the present application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper and include attached annotated marked-up drawings and replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

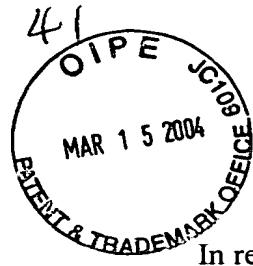
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for the same.

Charge or credit Deposit Account No. 13-3080 with any shortage or overpayment of the fees associated with this communication. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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